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Big Business Consolidation.

The Tropical Manufacturing Company, recently organized at Jacksonville, has purchased the manufacturing interests of the Metto Company. The product of the Metto Company is too well known to require any extended notice from us. The Tropical Manufacturing Company, which has been incorporated with a capital of \$50,000 for the purpose of manufacturing tropical pineapple, tar and wine from several fruits and vegetables, all of which are products of the Florida soil. This consolidation is peculiarly fitting, since the Metto Company also uses as its principal ingredient another Florida product, the saw palmetto berry. The office of the company will in future be located at No. 14 West Adams street, under the personal supervision of Mr. Thomas A. Davis, the manager of the Tropical Manufacturing Company. Mr. W. C. Yeiser, who has from the infancy of the Metto Company been at its head, will go on the road for the Tropical Manufacturing Company, traveling the entire South in the interest of Metto and the other preparation manufactured by the company.

BUSINESS MEN INTERESTED.

The Tropical Manufacturing Company is composed of the following well known business men and financiers:

William S. Jordan, president, of Madison, Fla., is a banker and capitalist, and one of the best known and most successful business men in Florida.

Charles Blum, first vice-president, of Jacksonville, is a leading wholesaler and conservative and thorough business man, who has made a phenomenal success in business in that city.

J. J. Williams, second vice-president, of Ocala, Fla., is a well known and popular commercial man, who has long been connected with the Armour interests in this State.

B. W. Sperry, treasurer, of Jacksonville, proprietor of the Duval Hotel, a progressive and widely known business man and a successful financier.

A SHREWD MANAGER.

Thomas A. Davis, secretary and manager, of Jacksonville, an expert advertising man of long experience and well qualified to make a success of any business where hustle and progressive advertising plays an important part as is the case with this company.

Among the board of directors and stockholders are such well known men as D. H. McMillan, vice-president of the Consolidated Naval Stores Company, of Jacksonville, and a large turpentine operator; R. J. Riles, the jeweler, one of the best known and most popular business men in the State; D. P. Smith, of New Smyrna, Fla., tax collector of Volusia county; H. H. McCreary, editor of the Gainesville Sun and State Senator for Alachua county; D. E. Thompson, general manager of the St. Augustine Record Company; George T. Hodgson, of Athens, Ga., Southern manager of the New York Life Insurance Company; L. A. Fraleigh, cashier of the Bank of Madison, who is also largely interested throughout the State, whose name is synonymous with stability, progress and success in the business world.

The State Confederate Convention, which has been in session at Jacksonville during the past week, will meet in Fernandina next year.

Uniform Course.

The committee appointed by State Superintendent Sheats to prepare a uniform course of study for the graded and high schools of Florida, met in this city yesterday morning and began their labors.

This is in compliance with the act of the recent legislature, defining the grades of instruction which shall be taught in the uniform system of public schools of Florida, and to aid and encourage the establishment of public high schools and rural graded schools.

The new law provides for twelve consecutive years of instruction, exclusive of kindergartens, normal schools, colleges, universities, or such other schools as may be designated or established by the legislature. It establishes a school year at not less than eight months. The first two grades are known as primary grades, the third, fourth, fifth and sixth, as intermediate grades; the seventh and eighth as grammar grades; the ninth and tenth as the junior high school grades, and the eleventh and twelfth as the senior high school grades. The grades of instruction to be given are also defined.

In addition to the amount already provided for the maintenance of our public schools, the law stipulates that any public school which shall provide instruction of the character prescribed by law shall receive state aid as follows:

Any high school which shall maintain only the first two, or junior grades, \$360 per annum for three years. Any high school maintaining all four, junior and senior high school grades, \$600 per annum for three years. Any country school which shall provide instruction in the primary, intermediate and grammar grades for not less than eight months for each year, \$200 per annum for three years.

The committee appointed to prepare the course of study in accordance with the above law, consists of:

W. N. Sheats, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, ex-officio chairman, Dr. T. H. Taliaferro, president of the University of Florida at Lake City, chairman; Prof. A. A. Murphree, president of the Florida State College at Tallahassee; Prof. J. E. Guisinger of the State Normal and Industrial school at St. Petersburg; A. A. Simpson, principal of the Osceola High School; Miss Maud Schwallmeyer of the Summerlin Institute at Bartow; Miss M. S. Johnson of the State Normal at DeFuniak Springs; S. Phillips, superintendent of schools of Levy county; W. M. Holloway, superintendent of schools of Alachua county; Prof. Tom F. McBeath, Jacksonville Grammar school; Prof. H. E. Bennett, chief clerk in State Superintendent's office.—Capital.

Greenville Items.

The senior nine of this place crossed bats with Lloyd Thursday. The score stood 10 to 0 in favor of Greenville.

Mr. C. L. Leggett has returned from his extended visit to New York and other important points.

Miss Evie Spicer is on a visit to friends in Monticello.

Quite a crowd from here attended preaching at Sundown Sunday.

Rev. Geo. Leitner and family, of Leesburg, are on a visit to friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Hanks, of Watertown, is on a visit to her sister, Miss Waller.

Quite a crowd escorted the junior nine up to Lovett where they crossed bats with that town. The score was 25 to 0 in favor of Greenville.

The Opening of the Campaign.

Punta Gorda has decided to have a grand gala day with a programme of big attractions, and the Herald at that place says:

"Our business men held several meetings last week and discussed the matter in all its aspects. After thorough consideration, it was determined that Punta Gorda should give a free entertainment worthy of the attendance of everybody, and to this end ten committees were appointed to look after the various details. The committee went to work at once, with the prospective result that Punta Gorda's gala day will be the biggest event of the kind yet seen in South Florida.

"It was earnestly desired to give this big entertainment before August 15th, while the fishing fleet is in port, that all visitors might be given a delightful free boat ride on the bay; and with this end in view, the railroad authorities were asked to run special excursion trains on August 6th, 7th or 11th, as might best suit their convenience.

"But the railroad people answered that all their spare coaches would be engaged in excursions already advertised up to August 16th, in consequence of which they could not run a special excursion to Punta Gorda until after that date. This answer was discussed at a citizens' meeting held Tuesday night, and it was decided to ask for excursion trains to be run on August 19th, and, if granted, to have the entertainment on that date. A favorable answer from the railroad officials is daily expected.

"Meanwhile, the various committees have kept at work, and are still actively attending to the duties assigned them. The committee on speaking has invited Gov. Jennings, Senator Taliaferro and Hon. John N. C. Stockton to be present and to speak on any subject they choose, but more especially on their individual claims as candidate for the United States Senate. It is believed that these distinguished gentlemen will accept, and that Punta Gorda will have the honor of hearing the first guns fired in the Senatorial campaign.

From Moseley Hall.

Services were held at the Baptist church Monday. Rev. Davis officiated. Quite a crowd was in attendance.

Miss Fannie Shaw is at home again and has for her guest Miss Lottie Sanders, one of the Hall's sweetest girls.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Redding visited at Sundown last week.

Mrs. Jeff Davis, of Perry, is spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. McDonald.

Miss Lena Lee, of Peacock, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Weeks. Miss Lee has made a number of friends at the Hall.

Messrs. Joe Redding and Ben Sanders attended services at Sundown last Sunday.

Miss Lelia Barrow has returned home after a delightful visit to friends at Hamburg and Madison.

CAPTOLA.

Lost!—Reward!

On Friday, July 10th, between Jim Ratcliff place across Withlacoochee river and Bowen Frier place in Madison county, I lost my pocket-book containing \$200 in bills and 4 promissory notes payable to me. I will pay \$20 reward for return of same.

MATHEW TYRE,
45-4w. West Lake, Fla.

Broward May be in the Race.

Some weeks ago it was rumored that Napoleon B. Broward, the big hearted, big brained ex-sheriff of Duval county, would probably become a candidate for governor, but almost with the rumor came an emphatic denial by that gentleman. Now, the matter seems to be again considered, and the Jacksonville Metropolis of last Friday says:

"The indications are that Napoleon B. Broward will enter the gubernatorial race.

"One of the closest friends of Mr. Broward informed a Metropolis reporter yesterday that considerable pressure was being brought to bear on him to enter the race, and that he felt satisfied that he would announce himself for the position within a short while.

"Mr. Broward has been moving about the State quite lively lately, and it may be that he is feeling the public pulse.

"Broward has no superior as a campaigner. He is one of the 'wool hat boys,' and when he takes to the woods he usually does most effective work. He is not one of the high-falutin, spread eagle kind of orators, but he is an entertaining talker on the stump. Broward is a Florida 'Cracker' and several newspapers are throwing boquets at him. The Tampa Herald, one of his strong supporters, in its issue of yesterday says:

"The intimation that Hon. N. B. Broward will yet enter the gubernatorial race continues to create much stirring interest throughout the State. Mr. Broward is a strong, forcible man and is well and favorably known in all sections of the State. This fact makes talk of his candidacy of the deepest moment. Few men possess his ability and qualifications for campaigning, together with the very best of executive and business ability. From Key West to the Georgia line there is a strong pressure being brought to bear upon him to enter the race, and much interest will be manifested until he gives a definite answer, one way or another. Mr. Broward it would appear, still remains a quantity that must be reckoned with, if public sentiment counts for anything, and it generally does in a State campaign."

It Pays to Advertise.

An old bachelor bought a pair of socks and found attached to one of them a slip of paper with these words: "I am a young lady of twenty and would like to correspond with a bachelor with a view of matrimony." Name and address were given. The bachelor wrote and in a few days he got this letter: Mamma was married twenty years ago. The merchant you bought those socks from evidently didn't advertise or he would have sold them long ago. Mamma handed me your letter and said perhaps I might suit you. I'm eighteen years old. They married.—Ex.

MORAL:—It pays to advertise.

Estray Notice.

I have in my possession one solid black cow, branded "AS" on right side. Cow is about four years old. Unless the owner claims said cow within the period prescribed by law the animal will be disposed of according to law. For further particulars, apply to

4w E. S. ARMSTRONG, Sheriff.

The school board of Polk county has cut down the school term to four months.

Proceedings County Commissioners.

MADISON, FLA., Aug. 3, 1903.

The Board of County Commissioners met this day for the purpose of hearing complaints on tax equalization. Present: W. H. Dial, Jr., chairman; J. C. Harrell, W. B. Williams, N. W. McDonald and F. J. Jeffcoat.

The board was called to order by the chairman, and object of the meeting was stated, whereupon complaints of several persons were heard, and upon consideration thereof, the following changes in the assessment as fixed by the board at its last meeting were made, to-wit:

212 acres, W A Davis reduced from \$2 25 to \$2 00 per acre.
200 acres Mrs Gincey Baily reduced to original assessment.
120 acres, J L McDaniel 1 N 7 E reduced from \$1 50 to \$1 25 per acre.
80 acres, Elizabeth McDaniel 1 N 7 E reduced from \$1 50 to \$1 25 per acre.
130 acres, E Darling 1 S 10 E reduced from \$1 75 to \$1 50 per acre.
120 acres, W H Toole, Sec. 36, 1 N 10 E reduced from \$2 50 to \$2 25 per acre.
100 acres, J D Sullivan Sec. 36, 1 N 10 E reduced from \$2 50 to \$2 00 per acre.
80 acres, E B Williams 1 N 10 E reduced from \$2 25 to \$2 00 per acre.
40 acres, Buck Dickinson 1 N 9 E reduced from \$7 00 to \$5 00 per acre.
50 acres, T F Calhoun, 1 N 10 E reduced from \$4 00 to \$3 50.

C. B. Ashley appeared before the board and asked that the assessment on Merchants Hotel be reduced from \$6000 to \$5000, and upon consideration thereof commissioner Jeffcoat moved that said assessment be reduced to \$5000, seconded by commissioner McDonald. Vote, yeas: Commissioners Jeffcoat and McDonald. Nays: Commissioners Williams and Harrell. The vote resulting in a tie, the chairman voted nay.

40 acres, J. W. Gaston, 2 N 8 E reduced from \$2 50 to \$2 00 per acre.

There being no further business the board adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock, when they meet to consider liquor petitions.

THOS. Z. MARTIN,
Clerk.

Aug. 4, 1903.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present: W. H. Dial, Jr., chairman, J. C. Harrell, N. W. McDonald and W. B. Williams. Called to order by the chairman.

The applications for permits to sell liquors, wines and beer in election district No. 1 filed by A. M. Knowles & Co., J. P. Cox, G. W. Bevan, Sanders & Smart and R. S. McIntyre & Co., were duly considered, and it being found that each of said applications was in accordance with law, the clerk of the Board was instructed to have notice of said applications for permits as aforesaid published in a newspaper of said county for at least thirty days as the law directs.

There being no further business the Board adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THOS. Z. MARTIN,
Clerk.

Cit pley is a lucky as well as a fortunate town. Two new railroads are surveyed which will touch that place, making considerable of a railroad center of that important L. & N. town, and its growth henceforth will no doubt be rapid.

Cured Paralysis.

W. S. Baily, P. O. True, Texas, writes: "My wife had been suffering five years with paralysis in her arm when I was persuaded to use Ballard's Snow Liniment, which cured her all right. I have also used it for old sores, frost bites, and skin eruptions. It does the work." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottle at W. B. Davis.